Program Overview

The Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors (Senior Dental Grant Program) was created with the passage of Senate Bill 14-180 and began accepting individuals on July 1, 2015. This program grants funds to Area Agencies on Aging, community-based organizations and foundations, health districts, safety-net clinics, and private dental practices to promote the health and welfare of Colorado’s low-income older adults. These qualified grantees provide or arrange for the provision of dental care services to individuals 60 years and older who do not have private dental insurance and are not eligible for services under any other dental health care program lawfully present in the state (such as Medicaid or the Old Age Pension Health and Medical Care Program).

Program Contact Information

| Program Website: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/colorado-dental-health-care-program-low-income-seniors |
Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors
Multiple locations throughout Colorado

Program Features

**Age**
- 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- 18-60 (Adult)
- 60+ (Older Adult)

**Specific Populations**
- Homeless individuals
- Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Individuals with physical disabilities
- Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
- Individuals with low income
- Individuals with no dental insurance
- Individuals with Medicaid
- Veterans
- Refugees/immigrants

**Geography**
- Rural
- Urban

**Service Delivery Setting**
- Hospital
- Dental school
- Community/safety net clinic
- Private dental office
- Long-term care facility
- Senior center/community center
- Private residence
- Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
- Church
- School
- Homeless shelter
- Public housing

**Service Delivery Model**
- Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
- Mobile-portable model
- Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
- Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
- Event-based model
- Outreach and education model

**Staffing**
- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental therapist
- Dental assistant
- Dental/dental hygiene students
- Nursing staff
- Community health workers
- Non-dental clinical staff
- Non-clinical staff

**Payment for Care**
- Medicaid
- No charge to client
- Sliding fee scale
- Out of pocket
- Commercial dental insurance

**Program Funding**
- Foundation/organization grant
- Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

**Dental and Oral Health Services**
- Emergency services
- Basic services
- Screenings
- Cleanings
- Fluoride varnish
- Sealants
- X-rays
- Comprehensive services
  - Fillings
  - Scaling/root planing
  - Extractions
  - Oral surgery
  - Root canals
  - Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
  - Crowns
  - Bridges
  - Orthodontics

**Other Program Services**
- Referrals to dental and oral health services
- Care coordination/care management
- Patient education
- Caregiver education
- Provider education
- Advocacy/coalition

**Integration with Services**
- Medical services
- Behavioral health services
- Vision services
- Pharmacy services
- Transportation services
- Translation services
- Nutrition services

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